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MIZPAH.

BY JEAN HAVILAN.

"Though at times my spirit falls me,
And the bitter tear-drops fall,
Though my lot be hard and lonely,
Yet I hope—I hope through all."

It oftentimes happens, that not until
the loved and cherished one becomes
a wife, and goes forth from the se-
curities of her father's roof, and as-
sumes the responsibilities of life, that
the real character begins to unfold
itself, and puts forth those latent
energies which are henceforth to be
exercised either for the joy or the un-
happiness of all who come within their
influence.

When May Laron first received the
congratulations of an admiring circle
as the bride of Thomas Clarion, she
was little more than a beautiful child,
who had grown up like a green-house
plant, sheltered from every blast, and
accustomed to hear her lightest word
received with deference and admira-
tion, and a stranger to all those dis-
appointments which make a large
portion of all our lives. It is true she
lost both father and mother before she
was old enough to be sensible of the
misfortune, but as she received a large
inheritance, and was in charge of
guardians who honestly meant to per-
form their duty, she knew little of care
or sorrow.

Her guardians believed, that by
placing May at a fashionable school,
and supplying all her wants, they dis-
charged their trust faithfully and
honorably, and that nothing more was
required. Thus being left much to her
own choice of occupations and studies,
her education was of the most super-
ficial kind, and her acquisitions were
much more likely to entangle the ad-
miration of a lover, than to secure the
comfort and respect of a husband.

She had many articles of
showy worsted work, and of em-
broidery on plush and satin. She
played on several instruments of
music, and if her performance was not
of the best, she was nevertheless sure
of eliciting much applause; for who
would criticize the movements of such
fingers, or the tones of a voice so soft
and sweet as hers? She was also an
artist, if sitting patiently by while
her teacher finished some admirable
pieces could constitute an artist. She
was called amiable: she could scarcely
be otherwise, when every wish was
gratified. In person she was faultless;
fair and delicate with deep blue laugh-
ing eyes, and a profusion of fine, silky,
golden hair, which she had the good
taste to wear in its natural richness,
falling over her fair neck and shoul-
ders.

We have been this particular in
enumerating her attractions, because
they constituted nearly the entire sum
of those endowments of mind and
person on which Thomas Clarion cal-
culated for a long and happy life. No
wonder an enthusiastic young man like
him, who looked on all things beau-
tiful with a poet's eye, should fancy he
loved such a bright and innocent be-
ing; for innocent she was and ignorant
of the real purpose and business of
life. Neither of them ever doubted
but theirs was a real "love-match,"
and that it would bring to both all the
happiness this earth can bestow.
Why should it not, with love, youth,
and wealth?

There was the usual amount of white
silk, lace, and millinery. There was
the superb wedding-cake, and the
dresses, and the bridal tour, and the
parties, and calls, all full of excitement.
But these could not last always, and
in less than six months both began to
experience weariness. When May
sang or played, her husband began to
discover faults in her performance
which had never struck him before;
he ventured to criticize; his wife felt
hurt, and ceased to play; he complain-
ed that now she was his wife, she did
not try to interest him. Her pretty
little knickknacks, that had cost her
months of labor, he thoughtlessly
treated with contempt. In the like
manner, all of May's accomplishments,
when weighed in a husband's balance,
were found worthless. She began to
wish he had discovered her deficiencies
before.

Mr. Clarion had come to feel the
want of a rational companion, who
could appreciate his own acquisitions,
who could feel an interest in his pur-
suits, and who could converse with
him on something beside dress and
fashion, parties and amusements.
Had he, with all his endowments,
understood more of the philosophy of
mind, he would have seen in that of
his wife's rich field for cultivation;
and instead of sneering at its barren-
ness, and thus goading and wounding
her spirit, he would have discovered
that a little care, judiciously bestowed,
would produce an abundant harvest.
He had been dazzled with a few gaudy
flowers; he expected they must bear
good fruit; yet, when he found only
worthless weeds in their stead, he
never thought of gently removing
them, and sowing in their place whole-
some plants.

Before two years had passed, May
was very unhappy. She was the mis-
tress of an expensive establishment,
but she knew nothing of practical
housekeeping; in spite of all her
efforts, waste and disorder were too
apparent, and she saw she was the
dupe of dishonest servants, without
knowing how to free herself from their
impositions. She knew their expendi-
ture was enormous, yet nothing was
as it should be. She spoke of her
trials to Thomas, and he said, it was
all her own fault, that nothing was
easier to remedy, if she would but
make the effort. He was not a harsh
or ill-tempered man, but he had ex-
pected skill and useful accomplish-
ments to come as things of course, a
sort of natural instinct, never stopping
to inquire whether the butterfly of the
drawing-room could, without previous
instruction, merge at once into the
graceful, judicious, and intelligent
head of a household.

May felt hurt and miserable. She
had been told for the first time of
faults by one who, a few months pre-
vious, had almost worshiped her, and
who could never tire of praising her
wit and her personal attractions. This
was a severe lesson; but there
was still a severer one to learn. She
grew silent and thoughtful, and her
eyes were often red with weeping;
and this instead of exciting his sym-
pathies, drove her husband more and
more from her. May saw Thomas at-
tracted and fascinated by ladies of
greater conversational power than her
own, and she was in proportion
neglected, or treated as an intruder.

Mr. Clarion was one of those bril-
liant men, who, of all others, needed
the influence of a well-balanced mind
in his wife—one who could command
and return his respect. His wife saw
and felt all this, and, with the quick
and keen perception of mortified pride,
she knew she was regarded as a spoilt
child; and even when she knew her
judgment was right, she saw it set
aside as unworthy of consideration.

In the gay world in which they
lived, there were others more ready
than her husband to appreciate her
personal attractions; and while
Thomas suffered his admiration and
attentions to be taken up by newer
fancies, there were practiced eyes too
ready to perceive his neglect, and to
take advantage of his inattention.
But whoever looked into those deep
and intellectual eyes could easily per-
ceive, that if her powers of mind had
been misdirected, that energy, decision,
and soul were there, which would not
always be in inactivity, or be scorned
and trampled upon.

It was after an evening spent at a
gay party, where, occupied with a sort
of flirtation with a sprightly widow,
Mr. Clarion had left his pretty young
wife to find amusement as best she
could, and where she had been particu-
larly annoyed by the impertinence
of an empty coxcomb, that May
finally decided to pursue a course
which had been for some time ma-
turing in her mind. She confided her
plans to two persons only, an elderly
man and his wife, with whom she had
boarded during her stay at school.
Mr. Clarion, she knew, was going on
an excursion, which would detain him
several days. He had neither consult-
ed her, nor invited her to be of the
party; but she knew of those who
were to be, whose influence she felt,
was not favorable to their domestic
happiness. When Thomas returned,
his wife had disappeared, and with her
every trace that she had ever been
there. But in his now desolate and
silent room he found a brief note,
which he recognized at once to be
from his wife. He read as follows:

"Dear Thomas—
A few months' experience has taught me that in
forming a connection which we be-
lieved would last for life, we were
totally ignorant of each other and of
ourselves. Would to Heaven I had
learned my deficiencies before it was
too late to remedy them. I now re-
linquish my position as your wife, and
will never return to claim it unless I
feel that I am qualified to be your
companion and friend, and to fulfill
those duties which, as your wife,
would devolve upon me. If at the
expiration of a year you do not hear

from me, think yourself free to make
a more congenial choice. Goodbye!
May every blessing be yours.
May."

Had a thunderbolt fallen at his feet,
he would have been less astonished
than at this announcement. He
questioned the servants, but all he
could learn was that she had gone
away three days before, taking her
trunks and baggage. Love, jealousy,
remorse, by turns, held dominion in
Thomas' mind during the long, sleep-
less night that he paced his room.

Next day he sought in vain to gain
some clue to her flight, but he could
gain no intelligence; and he forced
himself to believe that she had become
jealous and had gone away and would
soon return. Acting upon this sup-
position, he made little inquiry, and
dismissing all but one confidential
servant, he waited impatiently for
some further tidings. Week followed
week, bringing no message. He be-
gan to realize that he was indeed left
alone, and he was forced to admire
that decision which could plan and
execute with firmness of purpose.
The whole history of his married life
rose up before him, mingled with re-
grets and self-reproach, that he had
neglected one who had the strongest
claim upon his sympathy, love, and
protection.

Almost two years passed by, and
with it came no tidings, so that he had
nearly ceased to hope for her return.
He became studious and thoughtful,
and he felt how differently now he
would regard his position as a hus-
band and the head of a household.

We have already said Thomas was
a poet, and with a poet's appreciation
he regarded whatever was truly grand
or beautiful. A new star, under the
name of Mizpah, had risen in the
literary horizon. The name of Mizpah
was on every tongue; but who was
she, who had burst upon the public
with a sudden blaze, leading captive
all hearts, but, like the sweet songster
of night, keeping herself invisible.
Mr. Clarion was an earnest admirer of
her productions, which, for beauty,
pathos, and richness of thought,
seemed to exceed all he had before
conceived of poetry. Several pieces
so depicted his own feelings he was
ready to fancy they were addressed to
himself; but, "Who is Mizpah?" And
yet the oft-repeated question remained
unanswered.

At length a friend promised him an
introduction to a young American
lady, whom he intimated he suspected
of being Mizpah, but he was not quite
certain. Full of curiosity, Thomas
was punctual to the appointment.
Why did both start as they were in-
troduced? Was Thomas surprised at
the radiant beauty of the gifted being
before him, or did she stir sad mem-
ories within him? But no! the blush
had passed; it was but a passing
fancy, and they entered at once into
an animated conversation. Yes, he
was sure it was Mizpah; but if her
poems had delighted him, her manners
and conversation charmed him still
more. So gifted and yet so modest—
Thomas listened like one spell-bound
to the tones of her voice, and to ideas
that seemed to flash and sparkle as
they fell from her lips, until his call
was prolonged for hours. Their ac-
quaintance soon ripened into intimacy,
and which intimacy, by a very natural
transition, soon took the form of a
deep and mutual attachment. Yet,
ought he, to seek the favor of an in-
nocent confiding girl, and to win her
affections as a single man? Two years
had now passed by, and by May's own
promise he was now free. He decided
to tell her all, and she should decide
his fate.

It was near the close of a pleasant
spring day, when the deepening twi-
light steals with a softening influence
upon the mind, that he related to his
friend his former history. His love
for May, his neglect, and her desertion.
He spoke of her respectfully and
tenderly, but as one whom he should
never see again. "At first," said he,
"I was struck with the resemblance;
so like, and yet not like you, was my
young and neglected wife. And now
I wish you to decide my fate."

A deep emotion came over Mizpah,
and she begged him, with a fluttering
voice, to leave her then, but at the
end of two days to meet her at seven
in the evening, when he should learn
her decision. Full of contending
emotions, Thomas awaited the appoint-
ed time, when, punctual to a minute,
he appeared, and was ushered into the
drawing-room of his friend's house;
but it seemed rather a gala-day than a
time for a private interview. Leaning
against a pillar of that curtain room,
there stood the bride, May, in the
same rich bridal dress; but, oh, joyful
surprise, May and Mizpah are the
same! When the excitement of the
joyful recognition had subsided, at a
sigh from Mizpah, the friend of her
school days came forward and remark-
ed that on him devolved the task of
explanation.

"I was not slow to notice that the
first union of these young persons

promised little of happiness. I saw
with regret this dear child losing her
cheerfulness, and I feared the love of
her husband. I should never have
dared to suggest the course she pur-
sued; but when she told me her plan
I saw it was her only hope of redemp-
tion from a misdirected education. I
knew, with all the cares she would ex-
perience as a wife, she would find little
time for self-improvement, and the
little progress she made would hardly
be appreciated by her husband, who
would ever regard her as of inferior
endowments. So, as the best thing I
could do, I wrote to an excellent friend,
in England to place a young girl
friend, under the best advantages, for
a thorough and useful education. The
rest of the arrangements were of her
own planning, for, doubting her own
ability to acquire a thorough educa-
tion, she determined never to return if
she failed in her object, or if Thomas'
love was so alienated as to hasten in
using the freedom she offered him.
The rest you know."

"What do we not owe you, my ex-
cellent friend?" said Thomas. "May
you see that your care has not been
lost, but that, instead of leading the
useless lives we began, we may live as
those who have an earnest mission to
fulfill." "Amen" responded every
grateful heart present.

It is needless to add that the second
union was happier than the first;
since the one, was based on the
qualities of mind and heart; the other,
the mere youthful admiration of per-
sonal beauty.

A Beggar Woman.

The kind Deed That Crowned a Broken Life.

A strong breeze, sharp with the cold
suggestion of coming winter, swept up
from the bay and tossed the creaking
boughs of the old button woods that
stood along the roadside until they
labored in the wind like ships at sea.
The last of the fog was just disappear-
ing and curled fiercely up from the
woods and waters, rolling away in
great, sodden masses. In the north a
long line of snow clouds were sluggish-
ly moving forward. There was some-
thing peculiar—almost sinister—in
their slow, heavy formation, and the
weather-wise fisherman off shore
watched them uneasily and began to
draw in tackle and make preparations
to seek harbor.

On the land the farmers shook their
heads and hastened to get the last of
the pumpkins and apples under cover.
Of their own accord the cattle left off
grazing and sought the barnyards.
Now and then stragglers from some
frightened flock of wild geese flew to-
ward the south in anxious search of
their mates.

Near the end of one street of the lit-
tle fishing hamlet was a weather beaten
wood colored homestead of one story
and a loft, surrounded by a fence al-
most as old as the house itself; but as
one passed through the gateway and
up the grass-grown walk into the
smoke-painted kitchen the poverty of
the outside surroundings was forgot-
ten in contemplation of the profusion
inside.

At least this seemed to be the case
with the little old woman who hobbled
painfully up the path to the half open
kitchen door. There she stopped ir-
resolutely, but the savory smell of
cooking was irresistible, and she
pressed slowly forward into the low
doorway. The kitchen was fragrant
with the odors of the Saturday's bak-
ing; from the stove at the far end of
the long room came a cheerful splut-
tering and hissing and over it a woman
bent in impatient suspense. Her back
was toward the door, and she did not
notice the great hungry eyes that were
fastened on the loaves of bread and
the pies and cakes and cookies that
loaded the pine table. Such profusion
made the wistful eyes gleam and the
withered form tremble with eagerness.
But she did not venture to cross the
threshold.

On the floor two children were play-
ing. They had watched the woman's
approach with childish curiosity. The
youngest rose to his feet and toddled
toward her. After gazing at her for a
few moments with his big, wondering
eyes he held up the cookie he had been
nibbling. She hesitated, then took it
and ate it greedily.

The boy laughed and went to get
another, but at this moment Mrs. Bar-
ten looked up. Her face was flushed
with heat and vexation. She was
about to speak sharply to the children
when she caught sight of the bent
figure in the doorway, and her wrath
was turned. Of all things she hated
beggars the most. During the sum-
mer months many of them drifted up
from the neighboring seaports and
proved a constant source of loss and
vexation to the fishermen and farmers.
Mrs. Barten had suffered with the rest,
and as she turned from the stove her
lips were drawn sharply over her
strong white teeth. She did not see the
wistful eyes and patient smile. What

she saw was a cowering beggar, with
some outlandish kind of head cover-
ing and a ragged shawl closely drawn
about the slight form.

"Well?" she said, in a sharp, inter-
rogative tone.
The old woman shivered as though
something had struck her, but her face
remained perfectly blank.

"A furrier!"
Mrs. Barten sprang forward and
drew the children from so dangerous a
presence. To her a foreigner seemed
all that was dangerous and depraved.
A sudden sputter recalled her to the
stove, and by the time she was again
at leisure a trace of her natural kindly
disposition had come to the surface.
Taking a generous handful of cookies
and one of the loaves of bread, she re-
turned to the door. But the old wo-
man had already passed the rickety
gate and was hobbling slowly down
the street.

Mrs. Barten looked after her regret-
fully.

"I wish I'd give her suthin'," she
muttered, as she replaced the food on
the table, "but land's sake alive," she
continued, briskly, after a moment's
thought, "why sh'd I feel sorry? Like
as not the old tramp was jest spying
round arter suthin' to steal. Most
likely she'll have a dozen snacks gin
her before night. Here you, Rob'n!
Liza, come back to the house this
minute, and don't you dare go trapez-
in' out ag'in!" And with mind at
rest and conscience satisfied, Mrs.
Barten returned to her compounds of
fragrant odors.

Slowly the afternoon wore away;
the pies and cakes and cookies disap-
peared from the table and were re-
placed by pans of crisp doughnuts and
heavy spherical loaves of brown bread,
with raised lines encircling them; with
platters of juicy meats, browned to
the critical point of perfection, and
flanked with dishes of yellow pump-
kin and white turnip and scarlet cran-
berry. As the table became crowded
these in turn were taken to the store-
room to wait the coming of the "great
day." And still the tired and flushed
mistress of the kitchen went on with
her mixing and tasting and baking.

The low, sullen line of clouds be-
came more menacing and crept on un-
til they had masked the entire sky.
The wind grew strong and was soon
filled with fine particles of swirling
snow, but Mrs. Barten heeded not;
time was too precious.

"It's growing dark," she grumbled,
as she slid more pans into the oven;
"days are pesky short this time o'
year."

It was only when a fierce gust of
wind hurled a cloud of snow against
the window that she looked up.

"For the land's sake!" she ex-
claimed. "It's snowing 'n' I'll lay a
dollar them dratted children's out in
it."

Hurrying to the door she called
shrilly:
"Bob! Liza! March your boots in
here quicker'n lightning!"
Receiving no reply she muttered
angrily:
"Upstairs rumagin', most likely.
Seems with all my work they might
quit their dideoes for awhile."

But when a sharp call up the stairs
failed to elicit response she began to
look anxious. Throwing a shawl over
her head she went out into the yard.
The snow was now whirling past in
blinding sheets, and the keen wind cut
one like a knife. Already white drifts
were forming in the fence corners and
sheltered places. Objects a dozen
yards away were becoming indistinct.

A thorough search of the yard failed
to show any trace of the children and
she returned to the house to decide on
her next move. She could not deter-
mine the direction the childish feet
had taken and once out of sight of the
house she knew there was little proba-
bility of their finding their way back
by themselves. There was no danger
of their being lost unless they wander-
ed away from the village, but Liza
had scarcely recovered from the
measles and Mrs. Barten had all the
mother's horror of wet feet and colds.

A smell of burning bread drew her
attention to the stove. When she re-
turned to the door she saw a bent
figure coming up the path. A moment
later and the old woman stood before
her, but now the ragged shawl was
closely wrapped around one child,
while another clung to her skirts, sob-
bing bitterly. The stranger's face was
full of a wistful tenderness, but Mrs.
Barten did not see it. Assured of the
children's safety, her feelings under-
went a quick change. Her child in the
hands of a dreaded "furrier." In a
moment she had hurried the little ones
to the fire and was removing their
outer garments. What contamination
and disease might not lurk in the rag-
ged shawl and draggled skirts!

She was aroused from her reflections
by the entrance of her husband.

"More wet feet, eh?" he said, as he
drew a chair to the stove.

"Aller's wet feet when there's any-
thing to wet 'em in," she returned,

Then, after a moment, she added:—
"You go tell the old woman she can
come in to the fire. Beggars and young
'uns are enough to make folks lose
their wits."

"I passed an old woman outside the
gate," he said, as he took his pipe from
the shelf and began to fill it. "If it's
her you mean, she's half down the
street before this."

"Then I'm shet o' that trial," she
said in a relieved tone. "Some of the
neighbors will be sure 'n' take her in."

All night long and the next day and
night the snow whirled and drifted
about the village. Then the sun came
out and the men and boys took their
teams and shovels and began to dig
communications between the houses.
As the paths became clear one neigh-
bor after another sallied forth to gos-
sip over the events of the storm.

At length some one mentioned the
old beggar woman, and then it was
learned that no one knew of her where-
abouts; nearly all had seen her, and
most of them confessed that they had
sent her away with a "flea in her bon-
net."

One man thought she went toward
the Freeman house. This was a dis-
serted building just out of the village.
Without hesitation the men took their
shovels and began to dig vigorously in
that direction. And Mrs. Barten
worked with the foremost.

"Lucky there's a good fireplace and
plenty of fuel in the old house," said
one. "The old lady can keep warm,
but I guess she'll be mighty hungry."

When they reached the house there
was no sign of its being occupied.
"She ain't here," said the man who
had spoken before, as he threw open
the door.

But he was mistaken; they found
her inside. She was dead.—Kansas
City Times.

The Brother of Garfield.

A POOR OLD MAN WHO MADE GREAT SACRI-
FICES TO AID JAMES.

Collegeville, Montg. Co., Pa.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, June 16, 1892.

NATIONAL POLITICS.

The Republican National Convention at Minneapolis finished its work Friday, when President Harrison was re-nominated on the first ballot. The vote was: Harrison 535 1-6, Blaine 182 1-6, McKinley, 182. Number of delegates, 906. WHITE-LAW REID, editor of the New York Tribune was named for Vice-President by acclamation.

The defeat of James G. Blaine, the leading Republican statesman of the nation is a source of much humiliation to the political juggle who espoused his cause. Mr. Blaine must also feel the pangs of remorse. If he had announced his candidacy instead of writing that letter of declination in February, he would, beyond peradventure, have secured the nomination. But he declined, his real friends and those who posed as his supporters for their own interests, persisted in keeping his name prominent before the people. Blaine remained silent until the eve of the Convention when he resigned as Secretary of State. This meant that after all he had written he was a candidate. But it was too late. The Harrison forces, strengthened by Mr. Blaine's apparent duplicity, proved invincible, and the modern Henry Clay was doomed, like the Henry Clay of other days, to defeat. Mr. Blaine, as a Presidential candidate is now, no doubt, retired forever, and the idol of the Republican party for the past fifteen years is forced into retirement. Mr. Blaine has lost his opportunities and the evening shadows of his eventful life will be deepened by the painful memories of a disappointed ambition.

Harrison and Reid is a pretty good Presidential combination. President Harrison's conservative record as Chief-Magistrate may win him another term at the White House. Much will depend upon the action of the Democratic National Convention at Chicago, next week. If the Democrats are wise enough to nominate Grover Cleveland, that heroic and level-headed statesman, the race will be a close contest—for thousands of voters see in Grover Cleveland much more than a mere Democrat.

The platform adopted at Minneapolis, in its reference to the financial question is eminently sound. Its statements in relation to the tariff are presumptuous and untenable. When a political party claims that the prosperity of the country is due to the legislation of that party, that party is suffering from a very acute attack of "swelled head."

The census of 1880 showed a large proportionate increase in the colored population in all the former slave States, an increase which occasioned considerable political speculation. The census of 1890 shows either that the return of the colored population in 1880 was largely exaggerated or else that its rapid increase has ceased, at least in the States under consideration. Thus in Virginia the census of 1880 showed an increase in the colored population of 23.12 per cent.; the increase in 1890 is but 0.66 per cent. In Maryland the increase in 1880 was 19.87; in 1890 but 2.69. In Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia the colored population in 1890 is 25.61 per cent. of the whole, against 28.14 per cent. in 1880. The largest percentage is 41.76 in Virginia, and the smallest, 4.19 per cent. in West Virginia. The native white population of the five States is 70.18 per cent. of the whole, as against 67.68 per cent. in 1880, 63.21 per cent. being born of native white parents, and the foreign white population is but 4.21 per cent. of the whole.

In relation to the present fearful pension prodigality the Philadelphia Times says:

"Five years ago the steady growth of pensions scored the annual appropriation up to \$75,000,000. It was then believed that high water mark had been reached, and such assurances were then given to the country by those who had favored the new pension bills; but the actual expenditure for pensions this year foots up the startling sum of \$140,847,417, being nearly three times the amount of the entire revenues of the government when Lincoln was elected President."

"If we shall continue to increase pensions during the next fiscal year, we have been increased this year, we will have fully 1,000,000 of pensioners, costing nearly or quite \$200,000,000 annually. We will be paying more pensioners than were ever in the Union armies at any time during the war, and yet hundreds of thousands have died and other hundreds of thousands have never applied for a pension."

"The natural inquiry is—Where do all the pensioners come from? Who can answer that question? The next natural inquiry is—Where is the pension prodigality to stop? Who can answer that now grave question? Another inquiry likely to come up from the people at no distant day is—How long will the nation submit to the most prodigal pension system of the world's history, when countless numbers of the most gallant soldiers have never sought a pension and would now blush to be classed as pensioners? Who can answer that question?"

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10, 1892.

Washington is the center of the most intense excitement this week, but it is not of the noisy sort. There is no hurrah about it. It is more like that of the gambler, who having staked his money, awaits with beating heart but calm face, the decision which makes him win or lose. President Harrison and the members of his cabinet are more deeply interested, from a personal standpoint, than anyone in Washington, since Mr. Blaine left, in the outcome of the struggle now taking place at Minneapolis. Two private wires running into the White House keep him posted, and he professes confidence, whatever he may actually feel.

Among the rank and file of the republicans there is a disposition to await developments, and those who did not declare themselves before the convention met are now studiously non-committal, waiting to shout for the winner. Members of the third party, in and out of Congress, are deeply interested. They wish Harrison to be nominated, because they hope then to carry all the States with a leaning towards free coinage, which they doubt their ability to do if Blaine is the candidate. The democrats are also on the anxious bench, because of the influence the republican nomination is certain to have upon the fortunes of the several candidates for the democratic nomination.

Congress is trying to make believe that it is at work, but since the first day of the convention it is not succeeding very well. In the Government departments the clerks are doing little except to discuss the situation, while a large percentage of officials of the higher sort are at Minneapolis—members of the cabinet were kept away, but those next in rank were not, a queer thing, when you come to think of it.

If every Monday between now and the 4th of July could be turned into a "suspension day," and the House would show the same hurry to push through legislation on each of them that it displayed on the last one, it would certainly be in a condition to adjourn upon that date as provided for in Representative McMillin's joint resolution; but even then it could not adjourn without the consent of the Senate. But there will be no "suspension day," again until the first Monday in July, which is the day mentioned for adjournment in Mr. McMillin's resolution, and the House still has an enormous amount of necessary work to do before it will be ready to adjourn, which it would be well-nigh impossible to get through with without the aid of at least one "suspension day," even if the national democratic convention were not to meet on the 21st of this month to attract a large number of democratic members to Chicago, and to distract the attention of those who remain here, in time to adjourn upon such an early date. The democratic leaders are more than anxious for an early adjournment, and it is just probable that Mr. McMillin's resolution is put out as a sort of feeler to ascertain what the Senate thinks about adjourning.

There will probably be a very lively debate in the House before the session closes on the Subtreasury bill, as the committee on Ways and Means will shortly report that bill, pursuant to instruction from the House, and a majority of the committee on Rules have promised to report a rule setting aside three days for debate thereon. The report from the Ways and Means committee will, of course, be unfavorable, and it may be that no vote will be reached upon the bill, but the Alliance members hope to be able to get a vote for the purpose of putting the members on record although they knew that the bill will be overwhelmingly defeated. Their main object however, is to get their own views upon the subject printed in the Congressional Record, so they will be available as campaign material in the coming contest, in which they confidently predict large gains in their representation in the House.

Col. L. L. Polk, president of the National Farmer's Alliance, is dangerously ill of heart trouble. His physicians say there is little ground for hope.

The World's Fair people are beginning to be a little alarmed at the delay in getting the bill for the loan outright appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the fair before Congress. The House committee chairman says the bill will be reported in a week or ten days, but the officials of the fair say they need some of the money right now, and that if they do not get it before the first of July they will be very seriously hampered, if some of the most important work is not brought to a standstill for lack of funds.

Senator Call of Florida, has given notice of his intention to address the Senate, next week, on his resolution for an investigation to ascertain whether railroad companies interfere with the election of United States Senators. It is believed that Mr. Call, and at least a score of his colleagues, can, if so disposed, make some startling and sensational disclosures on this subject. Whether he, or they will do so is a question.

BLEW 15 MEN TO ATOMS.

EXPLOSION OF A POWDER MAGAZINE AT MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD.

VALLEJO, Cal., June 13.—One of the worst explosions ever known in California occurred just before noon today at Mare Island Government Navy Yard, by which 12 men belonging to the United States cruiser Boston were instantly killed, three fatally injured and three severely wounded. The explosion took place in the shell room, and is supposed to be due to the dropping of one of the shells as it was being filled.

HIS SINGLE FOLLY.

The drug store keepers of Blue River township, Ky., are up in arms against the veteran Alexander Hockaday, who is 112 years old, because he is going around boasting that he never

took more than one drink of medicine in his life and will never take another. He says it is twelve years since he committed his single folly and he has regretted it ever since, as it might have cut him off in his prime.

A TRUE HERO.

HE KNEW THAT HE FACED DEATH, BUT DID NOT SHRINK.

From the London Lancet.

History records the unselfish deeds and the bravery of our soldiers in time of danger, and future history will record the bravery of our workmen who earn their daily bread amid great danger and imminent peril. An inquest was held last week by Mr. Brighouse, County Coroner at Farr, near St. Helena, on a man named Richard Gill, aged 50 years. About a year and a half ago he was working in the shaft of a coal mine with three other men, blasting rock. The deceased, after the shots were ready, told the other men to get into the hopper. He then lighted the fuse connected with the shots, and then got into the hopper. He fancied he had given the wrong signal and jumped out of the hopper to cut off the fuses. He managed to cut off one, but the others were too far burned. The other men begged him to give the signal to ascend and get into the hopper, but he said: "No, I will stay where I am. It is better for one man to die than for all." Just then the hopper began to ascend and the other men were drawn to the top, and soon after Gill pulled the signal wire and they went down to him and found him badly injured about the head. He had a compound fracture of the skull and remained five months in hospital, but never got over his injury.

A CHILD'S TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

From the Marietta (Pa.) Times.

Samuel Myers, who lives on the York county side of the river, had a thrilling experience on Monday, which quite unnerved him, and one he will not very soon forget. He was coming to Marietta in a boat with his little granddaughter, Fannie Baker, who lives on Gay street with her parents. The river was nearly bank full, and a number of rafts are lying near Musser & Miller's saw mill. The oar of one of them extended out in the river. Myers did not notice it until he was too close to it and then he struck it. The little girl, however, was struck by it and knocked into the river. The current was very swift, and it immediately carried her under the raft. Mr. Myers was powerless, as the boat was turned around, and he did not expect to see the child again, but the swift current carried her to the end of the raft and she was picked up by John Bridgler, who was standing on the other side of the raft. The child had her hat in one hand and her handkerchief in the other when she was knocked overboard and still had them when she was rescued. She said: "Grandpapa, I held on to my hat and handkerchief and held my mouth shut and swam." Mr. Myers said she was under water over two minutes. While it is not likely she was under that length of time, it no doubt seemed as many hours to him. It was certainly a narrow escape from drowning.

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—Before grumbling at the heat, however, just try to recall some of the wretched weather of last March and try and keep cool.

—The Lancaster county Agricultural Society reports that there will be big wheat, hay and grape crops, while peaches and apples will be half crops.

—The above will likewise apply to Montgomery county, probably excepting the hay crop. We never saw better fields of wheat and oats than we have observed this season.

—The Langhorne Standard, increased in size and much improved typographically, is one of the model papers of Bucks county.

—Milkman H. U. Wismer's new milk wagon is decidedly an attractive and convenient vehicle.

—The entertainment given by Ironbridge Castle, K. G. E., last Saturday evening, proved to be a very entertaining event.

—The Schwenkfelder congregations of Worcester and Townsenville have made a contribution of \$71.50 towards the support of Charity Hospital, Norristown.

—The annual statement of the Supervisors of Upper Providence will be found in another column.

—The school district of Moreland township, Montgomery county, has made application to court for the privilege to borrow \$10,000 for the purpose of erecting a new school house.

—Bro. J. O. K. Roberts, of the Phoenixville Messenger, has turned poet sure—if we may be allowed to infer from his recent and well written poem dedicated to Mozart Lodge, No. 436, F. & A. M., Philadelphia, Pa.

—Monday, according to Philadelphia records, was the hottest day in ten years. A number of prostrated persons were treated at the hospitals in that city.

—The exhibitions of equine speed at the opening of the Schwenksville trotting course, last Saturday afternoon, proved to be quite interesting. Schwenksville has a number of nice steppers.

—Thanks to neighbor S. S. Auger for a lot of large and luscious strawberries—the kind he well knows how to cultivate.

—Mr. F. Brunst, clerk at the Collegeville Hotel, claims to have raised strawberries this season that measure 8½ inches in circumference. Where's Jersey, now?

—Howard Pennypacker, of near Trappe, is having his large barn repaired with attractive colors.

—After thirteen months of continuous labor, the records in the Montgomery county Register of Wills' office have been indexed, necessitating the handling of 70,000 papers, there being 18,185 records.

—The total valuation of property assessed for county purposes in Montgomery is \$75,457,360. At the present rate, two mills, the amount of tax will be \$150,895.86. The amount of money at interest subject to the four-mill rate is \$18,683.675.

RELIGIOUS.

M. E. church, Evansburg. Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m., every Sabbath. Preaching, 10:45 a. m., and every Sabbath evening at 7:30.

Episcopal service at St. James' Evansburg every Sunday at 10:30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Roversford at 7 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, Rector.

MATRIMONY.

June 8, 1892, by Elder J. T. Meyers, Mr. Leonard Taylor and Miss Esther D. Rayson, both of Montgomery county, Pa.

June 9, 1892, by Elder J. T. Meyers, Mr. Abel A. Lambkin and Miss Renie B. Bevan, both of Montgomery county, Pa.

June 7, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Pastor Hendricks, Miss Sallie S., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram D. Bechtel, of Upper Providence, to Mr. Jesse M. Riley, of Phenixville. The wedding was private, only the immediate families of the contracting parties being present.

PERSONAL.

Ex-Treasurer Samuel F. Jarrett, of Jeffersonville, paid the sanction a very pleasant visit last Thursday. Mr. Jarrett is an individual who is disposed to look on the bright side of life and manifest that "fellow feeling" which does all men good.

M. Z. Charles, the popular restaurateur of Bethlehem, was in town Friday, and favored us with a brief visit.

B. W. Dambly, editor of the Transscript, of Skipack, compared notes with the scribe Friday afternoon. He had just heard of Harrison's nomination for the Presidency and was disposed to discuss politics in general. Brother Dambly is a candidate, barring a certain contingency, for the Legislature, subject to Republican rules, and he cheerfully take occasion to say that he would make a most creditable Representative.

A. C. Godshall, of Lansdale, was in town Saturday looking up his chances for the Republican nomination for County Treasurer. We regret that we were not at home to receive the gentleman. Mr. Godshall stands highest where he is best known, and that's everywhere.

Strength and Health.

If you are not feeling strong and healthy, try Electric Bitters. If "La Grippe" has taken you and you feel weak and weary, use Electric Bitters. It cures directly on Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, gently adding those organs to perform their functions. If you are afflicted with Sick Headache, you will find speedy and permanent relief by taking Electric Bitters. One trial will convince you that this is the remedy you need. Large bottles only 50c., at Culbert's Drug Store.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Poultry—live fowls, 13½ @ 14c.; dressed fowls, 13 @ 13½c. Beef cattle—extra, 4½ @ 5c.; good, 4½ @ 4½c.; common, 3½ @ 4c.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

The Worcester Evangelical church will celebrate Children's Day on Sunday next, June 19, at 9:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. The public generally is cordially invited.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

County Superintendent R. F. Hoffecker will hold an examination of teachers for this Independent district in the Collegeville school building on Wednesday next, June 22, commencing at 9 o'clock.

WESTERN HORSES.

D. H. Casselberry will arrive at his stables near this place, to-day, with a car load of Western Horses. Mr. Casselberry exercised all possible care in selecting these horses and has secured the kind that will do purchasers the most good. Go and see them.

POLITICAL REFORM.

Mr. J. G. Fetterolf, of Yorkes, the auctioneer and farmer politician, will give a free lecture on Political Reform in the Valley House Hall, Skipack, this (Thursday) evening. John invites all to come with their wives, sons, daughters, cousins, uncles and aunts.

A BIG CONTRACT COMPLETED.

The Cofrode & Saylor Bridge Company, at Pottstown, last Saturday made the final shipment of superstructural work for Machinery Hall, now being erected for the great Columbian Exposition or World's Fair, at Chicago. The whole contract, upon which the Cofrode & Saylor establishment has been engaged for some time, amounted to about five thousand tons of steel.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Monday, Jonathan E. Davis, blacksmith of this place, was fifty years old. In the evening quite a number of his relatives and friends from Norristown, Philadelphia, Wilmington and this place, invaded the Davis home to emphasize the fiftieth birthday anniversary of the head of the house. Refreshments in abundance were served, and Mr. Davis received a number of handsome presents. The occasion was a happy one throughout.

CANNED LONG AGO.

Director of Poor Kile, of North Wales, has a jar of cherries that were canned 30 years ago when he was Sheriff. He resided at the time on the old Freedley property, on Main street, Norristown, and the fruit was picked from a tree that stood in the yard. The cherries to-day, it is said, look as fresh and palatable as when they were first canned. Mrs. Wm. H. Seal, of Chadd's Ford, has in her possession a jar of peaches which were preserved twenty-eight years ago.

THE YERKES "Y."

At the recent annual meeting of the Yerkes "Y" at the residence of John Reiff, Upper Providence, a pleasing literary and musical program was presented. The election of officers for the year resulted as follows: Miss Kate D. Gotwals, president; Miss Mary J. Gotwals, recording secretary; Miss Ada H. Raudenbush, treasurer; Miss Lydia G. Detwiler, corresponding secretary. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 4, at the home of Miss Raudenbush.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT THE GRANGE.

Keystone Grange No. 2, P. of H., celebrated Children's Day at their hall on Saturday, June 11. After spending the morning in various ways, and partaking of a bounteous dinner, the members and friends proceeded to the hall, where an interesting program was rendered: Music; Opening Address, Mr. Loucks; Recitation, Miss Grace Stearly; Music, vocal solo, Miss Essie Fetterolf; Recitation, Master Daniel Shuler; Music, vocal solo, Mrs. B. F. Weikel; Recitation, Miss Sallie Pugh; Music, Mrs. James Weikel; Reading, Miss Katie Rosenberger; Music, Mrs. B. F. Weikel; Recitation, Miss Katie Rahm; Music. After the program all were served with strawberries, ice cream and cake.

ORDINATION SERVICES.

William M. Courson, of Akron, Ohio, late of Crozer Theological Seminary, was ordained on Thursday to the Baptist ministry at the Lower Providence Baptist Church, of which he has been elected pastor. The ordination services opened with prayer by Rev. T. C. Davis, of New Britain, Bucks county, followed by a scriptural selection, read by Rev. James Rush, of Montgomery County. The sermon was delivered by Rev. T. C. Stiles, D.D., of Crozer, and the ordaining prayer made by Rev. C. A. Soars, of Bridgeport. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. James L. Davis, of Pottstown. The charge to the candidate was delivered by Rev. W. C. Richmond, of Norristown, and to the congregation by Rev. J. M. Hare, of Phenixville.

THEY WENT OVER THE DAM.

L. K. Drummheller, of Sanatoga, James L. Dunlap, a juror from Linfield, and Ephraim F. Slough, the Norristown lawyer, went out on the Schuylkill river at Norristown Thursday evening for a boat ride. They were caught in a heavy dash of rain and having umbrellas raised them, which prevented their seeing whither they were drifting. They soon came close to the Sweden dam; the water was high and in their efforts to pull away, an oar was broken and the water was swept over the dam. The boat was carried away, leaving the occupants struggling in the deep and seething waters. Finally they all got upon a rock from which they were rescued. Had they not been good swimmers all must have lost their lives.

A Little Girl's Experience in a Lighthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Trencort are keepers of the Gov. Lighthouse at Sand Beach, Mich., and are blessed with a daughter, four years old. Last April she was taken down with measles, followed with a dreadful cough and turning into pneumonia. Doctored at home and at Detroit, but in vain; she grew worse rapidly, until she was a mere "handful of bones." Then she tried Dr. King's New Discovery and was completely cured. They say Dr. King's New Discovery is worth its weight in gold, yet you may get a bottle free at J. W. Culbert's Drug Store.

THE MERCURY CLUB.

The Mercury Bicycle Club, of Philadelphia, composed of a number of young men of athletic build and inclination were in town over Sunday. Messrs. Frank Gristock, and Frederick and Horace Paist, formerly of this place, are members of the Club. We observed that nearly all the members of the Club were mustaches representing various stages of development.

SCHOLAR IN MATHEMATICS.

Prof. C. H. Wheeler, Professor of Mathematics at Ursinus College, was recently appointed "Scholar in Mathematics" by the authorities of Clark University, Massachusetts. The Professor, who has gained many warm friends since his advent here last fall, is holding the appointment under consideration, although it is more than probable that he will continue at his important post at Ursinus.

MONUMENT TO DR. BOMBERGER.

A granite monument is being erected to the memory of the late Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., L.L.D., in Trinity cemetery this place. The base is four feet two inches square, the full height of the base, sub-base and shaft being 18 feet. The work of placing the stone is being superintended by H. W. Eisenbrown, of the firm of P. F. Eisenbrown, Sons & Co., Reading. Enoch Poley of this place conveyed the granite from the station to the cemetery.

PUBLIC SCHOOL AFFAIRS.

The Board of Directors of the Independent district met at the Collegeville school house Tuesday morning and re-organized by electing the following officers for the ensuing year: President, D. M. Fulmer; Secretary, Capt. H. H. Fetterolf; Treasurer, W. P. Fenton. The tax rate was fixed at 1½ mills, a reduction of ½ mill from the tax rate of last year.

The School Board of Perkiomen recently organized as follows: President, Isaiah Detwiler; Secretary, John G. Pitzer; Treasurer, Reiff Godshalk. The tax rate was fixed at 3½ mills, the old figure.

GRAND CONCERT AND READINGS.

Under the auspices of the Alumni Association, and for the Memorial Hall Fund, a Grand Concert, and Readings will be given in Bomberger Memorial Hall, Ursinus College, on the evening of Commencement Day Thursday, June 23, at 8 o'clock. An unusually attractive musical and literary event is anticipated. A program of rare excellence will be rendered by the following: Miss Ellen Macbeth Fielding, Soprano; Miss Ada Seebeth Williams, Reader; Mr. Michael J. Kegrize, piano; Mr. John G. Pitzer, baritone; Dr. John Helfrich, violin; Mr. Horst A. Bomberger, baritone. General Admission, 50 cents; Reserved seat tickets, 75 cents. Box seats, for the selection of reserved seats open in the Library room of Bomberger Memorial Hall, on Commencement afternoon at 1 o'clock.

FROM LIMERICK.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, of Parker Ford, is spending a few weeks in Limerick.

A valuable black mare belonging to C. W. Johnson died last week from the effects of colic.

Fernwood festival was largely attended last Saturday evening. The evening was lovely and the music rendered by the Humane Band of Roversford was most excellent. The good order that prevailed was due to the presence of an officer. Among the numerous festival held on that evening Fernwood was highly favored and patronized.

Miss Nora Keim, of Pottstown, spent several days in this vicinity during the past week.

Rev. O. H. E. Rauch, of Slatington, has accepted the call tendered him by the Reformed congregation of Roversford. Mr. and Mrs. Rauch will reside on Walnut street near Fernwood.

Lillie H. Johnson has been unanimously elected as teacher by the school board of Spring City, for a term of nine months. Salary, \$42 per month.

Dr. J. S. Lane, of Limerick Square, has purchased a lot on the corner of Walnut street and Fifth avenue, Roversford. Plans are already being drawn by the architect for a new building. When completed, we understand, it is the doctor's purpose to locate there.

Rev. C. O. U. Derr, of Spring City, preached in Barlow's school house last Sunday afternoon.

At the congregational meeting held by St. Luke's church, Trappe, on Whit Monday, Rev. E. C. Hishman presented the church, in behalf of the sons of the late Jacob Weikel, a magnificent communion set, in honor of their father, for the use of the pastor in administering communion to the sick at their homes. A vote of thanks was extended the donors for their valuable gift. Mr. Isaac R. Weikel of Oaks was elected to succeed his father as an elder of the church.

Rev. E. Clark Hishman preached to a full house last Sunday morning in St. Luke's church, Trappe. St. John 21:7. "That disciple whom Jesus loved." John was a fisherman, and such he met Christ, by which labor is dignified—he chose as his disciples the industrious, for he had no use for an idler. John left his blouse, his net and his boat and followed Christ, an example for all Christians to follow. Not only a disciple, but a young disciple, about 21 years of age. Youth is the blessed time to serve the Lord. He was also an apostle; there were many disciples but only 12 apostles; of this number 3 had the preference, and John was the most highly favored of the trio. A disciple is a pupil, imitating and learning from his teacher; but the apostle is a graduate with a diploma in hand, going out into the world to preach the gospel. The beloved John was present at the agony in the garden, at the crucifixion scene, at the open tomb on Easter morn, witnessed his Lord disappear through the clouds, and by his apostolic vision beheld the great white throne in heaven. If there are degrees "over there," surely that disciple whom Jesus loved will occupy a prominent place.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, sore throat, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale at Culbert's Drug Store.

A SUCCESS.

Delightful June weather highly favored the strawberry and ice cream festival held under the auspices and for the benefit of the Collegeville Fire Company, in Glenwood Park, last Saturday evening. The attendance was large and the volume of business transacted gratifying. Attractive Glenwood Park, with its towering maples in their garb of richest green, occasioned numerous appreciative remarks. The committee labored industriously in effecting the previous arrangements. About 230 quarts of ice cream, furnished by J. T. Keyser, 75 quarts of berries, two strings of bananas, and lots of home-made candy, lemonade, and soda water were disposed of. A profitable feature of the enterprise was the flower stand. The young man or old man who chanced to get within feet of that spot found himself "in it," sure, unless he could withstand the persuasive feminine eloquence which pervaded that section. The proceeds of the festival netted \$103.00. The excellent music furnished by the Citizens' Band of Phenixville, under the able leadership of Mr. F. G. Donehower, received praise all around. The Glee Club, advertised to be present, could not fill the engagement. We are requested by the members of the Fire Company to here extend thanks to the ladies for their very generous cake and candy donations and their important assistance at the festival, to Dr. J. W. Sunderland for the use of his beautiful park, and to the Citizens' Band of Phenixville for their good music and unstinted liberality.

URSINUS.

The Commencement season of '92 at Ursinus will doubtless eclipse in importance and interest all previous similar periods in the history of that Institution. The dedication of Bomberger Memorial Hall, Thursday afternoon, will be the crowning feature of Commencement Day, and the ceremonies will attract a vast gathering of people. The announcement that Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, LL.D., ex-Attorney-General of the United States, will deliver an address will prove to be one of the drawing cards. The more important events of the week in which the public in general will be interested are:

Sunday, June 19.—8 p. m., Baccalaureate Sermon by the Rev. George W. Willard, D. D., LL.D., Bomberger Memorial Hall. Music by Trinity Church Choir, A. H. Hendricks, Esq., leader.

Monday, June 20.—8 p. m., Junior Class Exhibition. Music by Humane Band of Roversford.

Tuesday, June 21.—8 p. m., Address before the Literary Societies, by the Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., Philadelphia.

Wednesday, June 22.—8 p. m., Alumni Oration: "The Social Antiquity," by the Rev. John H. Bomberger, A. M., 77, Columbia, Ohio.

Thursday, June 23.—3.30 a. m., Commencement. Oration by members of the graduating class. Conferring of degrees. Dedication offerings. Music by Amphion Orchestra of Philadelphia. 2 p. m., Dedication of Bomberger Memorial Hall. 8 p. m., Concert and Readings, under the auspices of the Alumni Association for the Bomberger Memorial Hall Fund.

The graduating class of ninety-two completed its work Thursday, May 26th, when the honors were announced by acting President Willard, as follows: Valedictory, Howard M. Wiest, Freeburg, Pa.; Salutatory, Ira L. Bryner, Cisma's Run, Pa.; Philosophical Oration, William Yenser, Lehigh, Pa.; Scientific Oration, Horace A. Fotters, Uwehland, Pa.; Literary Oration, Jesse Royer, Trappe, Pa.; Honor Oration, Elmer G. Small, Altendahl, Pa.; and Havilah J. Curdy, Evansburg, Pa.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

W. F. Stingluff, late Secretary and Treasurer of the Montgomery Insurance Trust and Safe Deposit Company, on trial for embezzling \$183,000 from that institution, was acquitted Friday and the costs placed on the county. Several Directors of the Company testified that Stingluff had authority to make loans to himself or other parties, that the loans he had obtained from the Company were made on collaterals which were then considered good and sufficient and that all the money owed by him (Stingluff) to the Company had been paid. Stingluff testified on his own behalf that the collaterals he furnished for the loans cost him more in cash than the amount of loans obtained.

The Court Saturday morning imposed the following sentences:

Maurice F. Kurtz, false pretense, 1 year in jail.

Edward Seasholtz, attempted robbery, 18 months in Eastern Penitentiary.

George Knauer, attempted robbery, 18 months in the Penitentiary.

Robert Geary, attempted robbery, 18 months in the Penitentiary.

John Greenly, larceny, 6 months.

Thomas Royer, felonious entry, 15 days.

Charles Royer, felonious entry, 30 days.

Robert Cornod, felonious entry, 30 days.

Lewis Quinn, resisting an officer, 60 days.

Thomas Wilson, larceny, 6 months.

John Bannan, assault and battery, 9 months.

Frank Reilly, assault and battery, 1 year.

John Glynn, assault and battery, 6 months.

Charles Smith, larceny, 30 days.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Session of the Peace of the county of Montgomery.

We, the Grand Inquest for the June Term, respectfully submit this our report:

We have acted on 94 bills, of which we returned 73 as true and 21 as not true.

We have visited the county jail and found the same in good order.

We return our thanks to the Honorable Court for their explicit and able charge, and to the District Attorney for courtesies extended to the said inquest.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRY GORRILL, Foreman.

HENRY J. SMITH, Clerk.

The Court thanked the Grand Jury for the promptness with which they dispatched their business, and also said they were to be commended for not visiting the almshouse, they being the first Grand Jury for two or three years that has not done so.

MORE FUN WANTED.

From the Chicago Standard.

A Chicago minister once preached on the lack of life in church meetings and expressed his belief that what was wanted was more fun in the meetings. The good man was horrified the next morning on opening his paper to read that the printer had quoted him as saying: "What we want and must have is more fun in our church meetings."

A WIFE OF 63 PRESENTS HER HUSBAND OF 70 WITH TWIN BOYS.

CARON, Nev. June 13.—Mrs. Harrison Breedlove last night presented her husband with a pair of bouncing baby boys. Harrison Breedlove is a prosperous farmer, over 70 years of age. His wife is 63. It is proposed to send the father, mother and children to the World's Fair as samples of what it is possible to do in the Far West.

NO ELECTION.

From the Washington (Pa.) Herald.

A good-looking well-to-do and popular young bachelor of Silverton was being teased by the young ladies of a club for not getting married. He said: "I'll marry the girl of your choice, on a secret vote, you elect to be my wife." There were nine members of the club. Each girl went into a corner and used great caution in preparing her ballot and disguised the handwriting. The result of the vote was that there were nine votes cast, each girl receiving one. The young man remains a bachelor, the club is broken up and the girls are all mortal enemies, united in the one determination that they will never speak to that nasty man again.

SUPERVISORS' STATEMENTS.

1892.

JACOB WILLIAMS.

ACCOUNT DR.

1892. Cash on hand from previous year.	\$ 46 43
Gross sum, tax duplicate, \$221.67	3195 88
Exonerations, 19 12	89 06
From County Treasurer.	\$833 37

ACCOUNT CR.

Labor and material in part.	\$2194 43
Lumber.	179 43
Brick and lime.	109 00
Smith work, etc.	19 00
Printing Stationery, &c.	6 25
Expenses of Special Election.	34 57
Auditors' charges.	6 00
Expenses of Edward Keyser, dec'd.	1 00
Labor book.	5 00
Today at audit.	12 00
24 days as Supervisor and settling tax and labor accounts.	482 00

Balance in ex-Supervisor Jacob Williams' hands and paid over to his successor Samuel Christmas.

	\$309 92
	201 45
	\$833 37

ISAAC C. KRATZ.

ACCOUNT DR.

June 11. Cash in hand.	\$ 803 60
Gross sum, tax duplicate, \$2255 04	2255 04
Exonerations, 9 00	19 00
From County Treasurer.	89 06

ACCOUNT CR.

Labor and material in part.	\$172 10
Do Roversford road.	1263 59
Lumber.	184 75
Blacksmith work, etc.	60 00
Bond and oath.	1 25
Expenses of Special Election.	3 00
Copies of duplicates.	3 00
Making tax books.	52 66
Expenses of Special Election and printing tickets.	4 00
Attorney's fee.	2 00
Today at audit.	6 50
June expenses to-day.	7 00
Auditors' fees.	7 00
24 days Supervisor and settling tax and labor accounts.	408 00
Sum paid over to Supervisor Saml. Christmas.	176 61

Bal. in Supervisor I. C. Kratz's hands.

	\$246 44
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	\$508 70

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to any person or persons having claims against or who indebted to the estate of Edward Keyser, dec'd., to present the same to the undersigned without delay.

SAMUEL F. HEYSER, Lower Providence.

JOHN A. HEYSER, Philadelphia, Pa., Heirs.

9th ult.

PASTURAGE.

Pasturage for cattle and horses on the Zimmerman farm, near Collegeville. Apply to JAMES G. DETWILER, Yorkes.

FOR SALE.

A farm of 110 acres of productive land in Upper Providence. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Apply to

J. M. ZIMMERMAN, Collegeville, Pa.

FOR RENT.

A House and Lot in Trappe. Apply to

J. M. ZIMMERMAN, Collegeville, Pa.

FOR SALE.

A Washing Machine (The Perfect Washer). Used only a few times. Apply at

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POLITICAL.

FOR SHERIFF.

Albert D. Simpson, OF UPPER PROVIDENCE. Subject to the rules of the Republican Party.

FOR SHERIFF.

D. H. Rudy, OF MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP. Subject to the rules of the Democratic Party.

FOR SHERIFF.

Joseph C. Beyer, OF WHITPAIN. Subject to Democratic rules.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Elias H. Gilbert, POTTSTOWN, Pa. Subject to rules of the Democratic Party.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

A. C. Godshall, OF LANSDALE. Subject to Republican rules.

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PUBLIC SALE OF

FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale, on MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1892, at Smoyer's Hotel, Trappe, 20 head of fresh cows and springers from Lebanon and Lancaster counties. This is excellent stock, selected with care. Also a lot of Sheep and Lambs and Pigs at private sale. Sale at 2 o'clock, p. m. Conditions by

JOHN SPITLER.

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